

# Spring Street Link

October 24, 2016

We're grateful to our parents, teachers, and community members for providing numerous opportunities for our students to participate in fun, enriching, and rewarding experiences before, during, and after our school day.

Opportunities students have participated in include before school 'Math Clubs', Math Olympiad, Chess Club, Young Rembrandts, STEM classes, and our After School Activity Program that is offering yoga and engineering classes. More than 60 students are participating in our Chess Club, over 30 students in STEM, numerous 4<sup>th</sup> grade students are taking part in enriching math experiences via Math Olympiad (thanks to Dr. Hy Ginsberg and students from Worcester State for facilitating), and many students are participating in Young Rembrandts. Additionally, in this newsletter information can be found about our first community service projects where students will be collecting and donating candy to give to St. Anne's Pantry to be used to supplement Thanksgiving baskets that will be provided to local families in need.

Our school day provides many opportunities for students' growth academically, socially, and emotionally. We are very appreciative to our parents, teachers, and community members for enhancing this experience by organizing and facilitating these enriching experiences. Without their generosity these opportunities would not occur, thank you!

## **Scrip Fundraising Program Coming to Spring St School**

Going home today in the Monday Folders is information regarding Scrip Fundraising. Scrip is an ongoing no-selling program that enables families to raise money for our school by purchasing gift cards that can then be used for normal weekly purchases such as groceries, gas, dining out and entertainment. Each gift card purchase provides a rebate to the school (some up to 16% of the face value), that will be used to continue supporting many school events, enrichment activities, and purchase supplies and materials that are not included in the annual school budget. There are many national and local retailers that are part of the program - check it out at and help our school without spending anything extra. Now is the perfect time to start thinking about the holidays too - use gift cards to purchase holiday gifts or just give as gifts.

Scrip gift card orders will be placed bi-weekly starting on Tuesday, Nov 1st and any gift cards purchase, will be sent home in the Monday folders the following week. Please read the informational packet and check out [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). Any questions please email [springstscrip@gmail.com](mailto:springstscrip@gmail.com) or [jghidella@townisp.com](mailto:jghidella@townisp.com)

## **Candy Drive**

Each year, St. Anne's Parish in Shrewsbury collects food items for their Thanksgiving baskets to distribute to local families in need. As in the past, they will also be collecting candy to add to each basket. We would like to assist in their efforts to help our local community. Please send WRAPPED candy donations into school beginning on Tuesday, November 1st. Excess Halloween candy works perfectly! There will be collection containers in the front entrance area. Thank you for your donations! Brought to you by the SSS Student Council.

**Be Like Brit**

Thank you for your generous monetary, household, and food donations to help those in Haiti affected by Hurricane Matthew. Items are to be brought to Be Like Brit on Monday, Oct. 24 and shipped to Haiti early next week!

**Spruce Up Spring Street - Rescheduled!**

Due to the weekend's torrential rains, we have rescheduled this event to this Saturday, Oct. 29 from 9:00 - 11:00 AM. Everyone is invited to help clean up the school front gardens...bring your rakes, gloves, powered edges, and your enthusiasm! If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Luby at [bluby@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:bluby@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us).

**Spring Street School Spirit Wear!**

Get in the school spirit with Spring Street School apparel! A variety of options are available! These items make great gifts for students, as well as family members! The sale runs until Nov. 11th. On-line ordering is available including payment by credit card (see link below). Please check out the items on-line through the link and click on items for color choices. All proceeds from this sale will benefit the PTO. If you have any questions, please contact Kerry Moyal at [kerrymoyal@yahoo.com](mailto:kerrymoyal@yahoo.com).

[https://www.agpestores.com//spectrumenterprises/groupproducts.php?prodgroup\\_id=8560&prodgroupbypass=true](https://www.agpestores.com//spectrumenterprises/groupproducts.php?prodgroup_id=8560&prodgroupbypass=true)

**Providence Bruins Outing Offer Extended until Friday**

Great seats are still available for our school's special fundraising hockey game with the Providence Bruins on Sunday, Nov 6 (3pm). Tickets will be available for purchase through this Friday (10/28). If you are interested in the discounted tickets, please fill out the attached form and return it to school this week or contact Jennifer Daley ([jmndaley@yahoo.com](mailto:jmndaley@yahoo.com)). All kids in attendance will receive a free hat, popcorn and drink for a special kids day with the Bruins! All proceeds will benefit our PTO. Hope you can join us for this special event!

**From previous links:****Meal Magic Implementation at SSS**

The Food Service Department will be implementing a new, computerized point-of-sale system in the Spring Street Cafeteria beginning on Tuesday, November 1, 2016. Information about this system is attached.

**Spring Street Elementary DINE OUT DAY at Not Your Average Joes on 11/8**

Take the kids out to lunch or take a night off from cooking and join your Spring Street friends for another fun dine-out day at NYAJ held on Tuesday, NOV. 8 (Conference Day). Just print out the attached flyer and present it to your server and NYAJ will donate 15% of your total purchase to our PTO.

**Scholastic Book Fair 10/31 - 11/8**

Our Scholastic book fair allows children to choose books they love to read, helps build classroom libraries and supports the PTO and Media Center. Students will visit the book fair during the media classes to make wish lists and parents can shop on Parent Conference Day. Please help make our book fair a success by volunteering a small amount of your time. Any questions

contact [erin.ryan92@gmail.com](mailto:erin.ryan92@gmail.com)

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E49ACAF29AB9-spring1>

### **Volunteering Requirement-CORI Checks**

Anyone volunteering at our school must participate in the Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check before volunteering. Volunteering includes classroom volunteering, field trips, field day, etc. Once a CORI check has been completed, your 'CORI' is valid for 3 years. CORI checks are applicable to any volunteering in the Shrewsbury Public Schools. Unfortunately, CORIs completed elsewhere are not valid for Shrewsbury Public Schools. This link can be used to access the form. Please return the completed form in person to Mrs. Judith Adair, our secretary, with your license for the CORI to begin being processed. Please allow for at least 2 weeks for CORI checks to be completed before participating in any volunteer activities at our school. Volunteers without a completed and processed CORI will be unable to volunteer until the process is complete. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/district/documents/coriform.pdf>

### **Important Dates**

Thursday, October 28, Picture Retakes, AM

Tuesday, November 8, No School, Parent/Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, November 8, Not Your Average Joes Dine Out Fundraiser

Wednesday, November 9, Gift of Knowledge, 8:30-9:00am

Friday, November 11, Veteran's Day, No School

Tuesday, November 15, PTO Meeting, 6:30-7:30pm

November 23-25, Thanksgiving Vacation

Friday, December 2, Winter Craft Night, 6-8:00pm

Tuesday, December 6, Early-Release Day, 12:15 Dismissal, Professional Development

December 6, 2 Ovens Pizza Dine Out Fundraiser

December 26-January 2, December Vacation

Monday, January 16, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, No School

Tuesday, January 17, PTO Meeting, 6:30-7:30pm

Thursday, January 18, Grade 4 Chorus Concert, 7:00pm

Friday, February 3, Movie Night at SSS, 6:00pm

Tuesday, February 7, Early-Release Day, 12:15 Dismissal, Professional Development

February 20-24, President's Day/Winter Vacation, No School

Have a good week.

Bryan Mabie